

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A packet separating section 103 separates TS packets having a designated PID from a first transport stream **TS1** and outputs them as a first TS packet string **P1** to a bit-rate 5 converting section 104. On the other hand, the other TS packets are output as a second TS packet string **P2** to a buffer section 107. The bit-rate converting section 104 converts the bit rate of the first TS packet string **P1** for output as a third TS packet string **P3**. The third TS packet 10 string **P3** is re-multiplexed with the second TS packet string **P2** by a packet multiplexing section 105, and recorded onto a recording medium.

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